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Mr Martin Selmayr
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Secretary - General,

With regard to the letter of 24 November 2018 addressed by Donald Tusk, President of the European Council, and Jean-Claude Juncker, President of the European Commission, to Pedro Sánchez, President of the Government of Spain, and the Statement to the minutes of the European Council (Article 50) meeting on 25 November 2018 on the territorial scope of the future agreements to be concluded between the Union and the United Kingdom, the Government of the United Kingdom recalls that it has no doubt about the sovereignty of the United Kingdom over Gibraltar, including British Gibraltar Territorial Waters. Additionally, the United Kingdom stands by its assurances to Gibraltar never to enter into arrangements under which the people of Gibraltar would pass under the sovereignty of another State against their freely and democratically expressed wishes. Furthermore, the United Kingdom has given an assurance that it will not enter into a process of sovereignty negotiations with which Gibraltar is not content.

As set out in my letter of 24 November 2018 to the Secretary-General of the Council of the European Union, the Government of the United Kingdom further restates that it will negotiate the future agreements implementing the Joint Political Declaration on behalf of all territories for whose external relations the United Kingdom is responsible, including Gibraltar, to ensure an appropriate and beneficial future relationship with the European Union, taking into account their existing relationships with the European Union.

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